THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Pak troops resorted to unprovoked firing on some of the posts on the Saltoro Range during Raksha Mantri's visit on 29 April 1998. Unprovoked firing along the borders of J&K (AGPL, Line of Control and IB in J&K) is a routine phenomenon and has been continuing over the years. However, no direct firing took place at the posts that Raksha Mantri visited. One of our soldiers was killed due to Pak fire in this sector on 29th April, 1998. Casualties on the Pak side are not known.

Our troops respond appropriatly and adequately to any unprovoked firing by Pakistan.

Security lapses in DHQ Security Zone

1899. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of security lapses taken place in Defence Headquarters Security Zone during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) the details of officers/officials found violating security instructions and the class to which they belong both civilians and service personnel;

(c) the details of actions taken against each person with present position of pending cases; and

(d) the details of steps taken to avoid recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): The number of security violations noticed in the DHQ Security Zone during the last five years in indicated below:—

Year	Number
1994	160
1995	175
1996	158
1997	86
1998 (Upto 31-10-98)	39

In most of the above cases, the lapses were of trivial nature. About 4 per cent of the cases were of important nature.

The details of both Service and Civilian personnel found violating Security Instructions are shown in the table below:—

Year	Service Personnel	Civilian Personnel	
1994 *Commissioned Offrs:*		Gazetted	30
Wing Commander	8	Non Gazetted	79
Squadron Leader	4	(Peon to	
Group Captain	4	Asstts-o equv	
Lieutnent Commander	3	posts)	
Lieutnent Colonel	3		
Colonel	6	TOTAL	109
Commander	2		

Major	= 3
Junior Commissioner Officers/Non Commissioned Officers	= 18
TOTAL	= 51
GRANL TOTAL	= 160

Year	Service Personnel	Civilian Personnel	
1995			
Commissione Offrs:		Gazetted	= 26
Squadron Leader	= 7	Non Gazetted	= 69
Commander	= 3	(Peon to	
Wing Commander	= 9	Asstt or	
Flight Lieutnent	= 1	eqvt posts)	
Group Captain	= 6		
Colonel	= 5	TOTAL	= 95
Junior Commissioned Officers/Non Commissioned Officer	= 49		
TOTAL	= 80		
GRAND TOTAL	= 175		
1996			
Commissioned Offrs:		Gazetted	= 28
Squadron Leader	= 3	Non Gazetted	= 52
Commander	= 3	(Peon to	
Wing Commander	= 4	Asstt or	
Group Captain	= 10	eqvt posts)	
Colonel	= 3		
Major	= 2		
Brigadier	= 2	TOTAL	= 80
Lieutnent Colonel	= 9		
Lieutnent Commander	= 2		
Flying Officer	= 1		
Junior Commissioned Officers/Non Commissioned Officer	= 39		
TOTAL	= 78		
GRAND TOTAL	= 158		

Year	Service Personnel	Civilian Personnel	
1997			
Commissioned Offrs		Gazetted	= 21
Brigadier. . .	= 1	Non Gazetted	= 31
Commander . .	= 1	(Peon to	
Colonel . . .	= 3	Asstt or	
Squadron Leader . . .	= 1	eqvt posts)	
Wing Commander . . .	= 10		
Group Captain	= 5	TOTAL	= 52
Lieutnent Colonel	= 4		
Commissioned Officer . . .	= 09		
TOTAL	= 34		
GRAND TOTAL	= 86		
1998 (Upto 31-10-98)			
Commissioned Offrs:		Gazetted	= 05
Major	= 4	Non Gazetted	= 15
Commander . .	= 2	(Peon to	
Colonel	= 1	Asstt or	
Squadron Leader	= 1	eqvt posts)	
Wing Commander	= 1		
Lieutnent Colonel	= 4	TOTAL	= 20
Lieutenent Commander . . .	= 1		
Captain	= 2		
Junior Commissioned Officers/Non Commissioned Officer . . .	= 03		
TOTAL	= 19		
GRAND TOTAL	= 39		

In all the cases, reports were forwarded immediately, to the Head of Directorate(s) giving details of the violations committed for talking action against the defaulters. Thereafter, the cases were closed after receiving confirmation from the Directorate Heads that suitable action had been taken.

The employees and officers working in DHQ Security Zone are briefed regularly on the security instructions prevailing in the Ministry of Defence. Physical checks and surprise checks are carried out by the teams of officers; and circulars to reiterate implementation of security instructions are also issued from time to time.